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September 12, 2007
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Bob Warren opened the meeting with introductions. MCA pointed out the anti-trust policy included with the attendance sheet, and reminded members to read and abide by the policy.

MDT OPENING COMMENTS

1. New Specification Revisions. MDT announced that six specifications were sent out for review as of September 1, 2007 and briefly explained each proposed specification change. MCA claimed they had not received any notice that spec changes were available for them to review. MDT stated that the changes have been posted on MDT's website. MCA requested they be included on future distributions. MDT concurred and would follow up on MCA's request that afternoon.

2. Letting List. MDT commented on the status of various jobs due to be let. MCA commented that they are concerned with the lack of projects in the near future. MDT commented on funding issues and that the new TCP will be determined in a month or so.

NEW BUSINESS FROM MCA

1. Dust Control / Water Trucks. MCA stated that the specification regarding payment for gallons / kiloliters of water for dust control is unclear. MDT agreed to review the specification and make any necessary adjustments.

2. Use of RAP. MCA questioned why MDT has not been incorporating the use of RAP in design. MDT stated that they were not sure if it would comply with Grade S standards. MDT stated it would follow up on this issue.

3. CRS-2 Penetration / Seal & Cover. MCA commented that the difference in hardness given an 80 pen vs. 100 pen CRS-2 oil can be crucial in hot weather seal & cover activities. MCA stated that the harder pen oil set up much quicker giving a higher quality product. MDT agreed to evaluate the situation.

4. Use of Millings for Base Material. MDT and MCA discussed the use of millings as base material. MCA commented that it is not cost efficient to use the millings when they have to haul them to a pit, pug mill, and haul back on the road for placement. MDT commented that pug milling is the only way to ensure the material is properly blended and will meet specifications.

5. Inadequate Design. MCA briefly commented that highway and bridge plans have been inconsistent and quantities have been incorrect. No specifics at this time were given. No immediate solutions or requests were given from MDT or MCA.

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Micro-Deval. MDT distributed a draft specification and has received no comments. MDT stated that the micro-deval spec will be implemented by the November letting.

2. Subcontracts. MDT is looking at possible changes to the subcontract requirements. One option is to look at a threshold (dollar amount) to require a subcontract. MDT is working on a draft.

3. Erosion Control – BMP's. MDT plans to move towards Lump Sum Erosion Control over the next 6 to 12 months. If there is a substantial increase in the amount of BMP's being used, this time frame will be accelerated. MCA was to put together some of their concerns in writing and send them to MDT, and to date MDT has not received any comments.

4. High Sulfate Soils – application to other concrete items. MDT is continuing to look at adding other concrete items to these special provisions.

5. Drilled Shafts Specification. MDT is looking into the changes requested by MCA. The proposed change is to pay by agreed price or force account for additional depth of drilling beyond that shown in the plans. MDT is further investigating.

6. Flexible Delineators. MDT asked MCA to clarify what they are asking. MCA will contact MDT with their concerns.

8. Type 9 Sheeting. MDT is working on revising the spec from "Types" to Groups". MDT hopes to have a draft revision out for review in October.

9. SiteXchange. MDT briefly explained the SiteXchange module. MCA had no comments.

Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:00.

The next meeting will be October 10, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the MCA Office.